

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-functional patient detection system comprising:

a housing including

a motion sensor ~~for~~ automatically sensing movement of a patient's body to an angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal and ~~for~~ generating a signal indicative of sensed movement of the patient's body to the angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal,

a wireless transmitter ~~for~~ transmitting a coded identifying signal ~~when the signal indication of indicating~~ sensed movement of the patient's body is to the angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal generated by the motion sensor, and

a power supply ~~for~~ powering the motion sensor and the wireless transmitter, and
a receiving station ~~for~~ receiving the coded identifying signal from the wireless transmitter.

2. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiving station includes at least one of a nursing station patient monitoring display and a dedicated nurse receiver display.

3. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the nursing station patient monitoring display and the dedicated nurse receiver display include patient identifying indicia.

4. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the patient identifying indicia include an indication of the nature of generation of the coded identifying signal.

5. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coded identifying signal is indicative of one of impending patient movement and a patient initiated nurse call.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a manually actuated call button is included in the housing and connected to the wireless transmitter for generating a second coded identifying signal different from the coded identifying signal indicative of patient movement, the second coded identifying signal is indicative of a need for patient comfort care.

9. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the receiving station includes at least one of a nursing station patient monitoring display and a dedicated nurse receiver display.

10. (Previously Presented) The multi-functional patient detection system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the coded identifying signal is indicative of one of impending patient movement and a patient initiated nurse call.

11. (Currently Amended) A patient alert system comprising:

a housing including

a motion sensor ~~for~~ automatically sensing when a patient's body is at an angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal and ~~for~~ generating a signal indicative of sensed movement of the patient's body to the angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal,

a call button for manual operation by a patient when comfort care is desired and for generating a signal when the call button is actuated,

a wireless transmitter ~~for~~ transmitting a coded identifying signal ~~when the signal indicating sensed movement of the patient's body to the angle of 85°-90° from the horizontal generated by the motion sensor is received and when the signal generated by indicating actuation of the call button is received~~, and

a power supply ~~for~~ powering the motion sensor, the call button and the wireless transmitter, and

a receiving station ~~for~~ receiving the coded identifying signal from the wireless transmitter.

12. (Previously Presented) The patient alert system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the receiving station includes at least one of a nursing station patient monitoring display and a dedicated nurse receiver display.

13. (Previously Presented) The patient alert system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the nursing station patient monitoring display and the dedicated nurse receiver display include patient identifying indicia.

14. (Previously Presented) The patient alert system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the patient identifying indicia include an indication of the nature of generation of the coded identifying signal.